

10th Annual Wayfarer Weekend West

24-26 Aug 2018

South Okanagan Sailing Association

The 10th annual Wayfarer Weekend West (WWW or W³) was held on Aug 24-26 2018 at the South Okanagan Sailing Association (SOSA) in Summerland BC. This event started out small in 2008 and has remained that way ever since, this year being no exception. At least the heavy smoke that had been blanketing Southern BC for weeks before dissipated and some welcome rain fell. Still, great sailing occurred, wonderful food was consumed and fun was had by all!



Nicki, Suzanne, Lyle, Phoebe, Lucas, Ursula, Dean, Sandra, Cynthia, Stefan, Sebastian, Peter and Jay. Missing Deena, Jess, Peter, Joanne, Inca the dog and W1388.

It all started Friday evening with the usual BYO BBQ as people arrived and set up camp. Harry and Cynthia arrived from White Rock a day early but forgot their boat W6738 (actually they had trailer issues) and claimed the prime camp spot.

Saturday morning Deana made a couple of dozen ham and egg cups and after getting our fill we went sailing. The schedule for the event is quite fluid and in the end Saturday was simply a day of sailing with no particular structure. New Wayfarer owners Peter and Joanne rigged W1388 for only the second time and with Dean onboard to give them tips went for their first real sail in a gusty NW breeze. Cynthia and Harry rigged a Bombardier 4.8 from the SOSA Boat Share fleet and missed their Wayfarer even more.

Saturday evening's potluck dinner was up to the usual standard feast with a variety of yummy fare topped off by the traditional Wayfarer cake this year provided by Lucas, chocolatier extraordinaire.



Sandra and Deena cooking up a storm.



Enjoying the fruits of their labours.

After a Sunday breakfast of waffles with fresh local strawberries, peaches and whipped crème it was time to get down to some serious sailing. A race was proposed, beach "Le-Mans" start, out through the yacht club start line, around the channel marker at the yacht club, back through the start line, back to

the beach and run up to the clubhouse to ring the bell. The start was clean and as expected Mike and Nicki on the Hobie 17 (we believe in inclusivity) streaked into the lead, followed by Phoebe and Dean in a Club 420. The three Wayfarer's stuck together rounding the marker in close proximity and Cynthia and Harry bringing up the rear in the 4.8. The Hobie was first back to the beach but the close race was developing between the Wayfarers. Peter and Mike (W9645) rounded the final mark first but...oops! Wrong mark! As they looped back to round the right one, Sandra, Suzanne, Sebastian and Inca (the dog) (W3988) streaked in from their daring flyer, rounded the right mark with the entire Thiede family (W7665) hot in pursuit and held their lead to the beach and the bell. Phoebe and Dean attempted to stay with the mighty Wayfarers but had to settle with staying ahead of Cynthia and Harry struggling along in the 4.8. After Portsmouth corrections Sandra and crew came out on top.



Setting up the beach start for Sunday's race.



W3988 Nemo coming in for a come from behind win!

After uploading some nourishment the fleet, now joined by Stefan in W4596, set off on the traditional sail across the lake to Naramata for ice-cream. A gentle breeze got all over in a reasonable time. After partaking of the chilled dairy confections the fleet was met with strong gusty Northerly making for a fast reach back the club in a light rain.

The traditional Chinese take-out dinner had to be relocated to Suzanne's house – as a rather large storm moved in to clear out the rest of the smoke. All who participated had a great time and some fun memories were made.

Plans for next years' Wayfarer Weekend West are afoot – possible coastal cruise or Okanagan Lake cruising campout – for information please watch for updates on Canadian Wayfarer website or info@sosailing.ca.